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resentatives, Offer Services to the Re-  
public—Call Upon All Workers, to Do  
Their Utmost to Aid in Safeguarding  
and Preserving the Nation.

In a recent editorial the New York  
Times says:

It was at the suggestion of the Coun-  
cil of National Defense that a confer-  
ence of the officers of the American  
trade unions, national and interna-  
tional, was held in Washington. That  
council, charged with the duty of  
bringing about the co-operation and  
co-ordination of the national resources  
and all departments of its industrial  
and economic life, is naturally con-  
cerned to establish harmonious rela-  
tions and a common purpose between  
capital and labor in preparation for the  
exigencies which events may entail.

In Great Britain, less fortunate than  
France or Germany, some of the trade  
unions were slow for a time to merge  
their special interests or claims in the  
general patriotic effort of the nation.  
The American trade unions show in  
the most vital of the resolutions adopt-  
ed by the conference their hearty uni-  
son with the great body of Americans.  
They pledge themselves "in peace or  
war, in stress or storm, to stand un-  
reservedly by the standards of liberty  
and the safety and preservation of the  
institutions and ideals of our republic."  
They hope for peace, but if war comes  
they will do their best and utmost for  
their country. There is a manly, sin-  
cere, noble note, a solemn fervor, in  
their promise and summons:

"We, with these ideals of liberty and  
justice herein declared as the indis-  
pensable basis for national policies,  
offer our services to our country in  
every field of activity to defend, safe-  
guard and preserve the republic of the  
United States of America against its  
enemies, whosoever they may be, and  
we call upon our fellow workers and  
fellow citizens in the holy name of la-  
bor, justice, freedom and humanity to  
devotedly and patriotically give like  
service."

They speak for some millions of  
men. At this time it is good to feel  
that there is a drawing together of  
Americans. The compartments and  
partitions which interest, habit, prej-  
udice have erected tend to disappear or  
be disregarded. If in other parts of  
the document adopted by the confer-  
ence there are reminders of the old  
"class" language, of the doctrinaire-  
ism of an economic and party creed, we  
must remember that many socialist,  
radical and intransigent elements had  
to be regarded; that the declaration of  
rights and wrongs and duties is large-  
ly theoretical; that every man is en-  
titled to his opinions and that the as-  
sertion without conditions or qualifi-  
cations of the common resolve to de-  
fend the country is the prime and es-  
sential part of the statement.

Nobody doubted the patriotism of  
the unions, but it was worth while to  
confound the pacifists, the sentimental-  
ists, the Socialists, by this strong  
expression of it. Other evidence of  
the feeling of the labor leaders, faith-  
fully representing organized labor, is  
not wanting. John Mitchell is among  
the signers of a notice to the citi-  
zens of New York of their opportuni-  
ty to subscribe to a pledge to support  
the president "in protecting American  
rights against unlawful violence upon  
land and sea, in guarding the nation  
against hostile attacks and in uphold-  
ing international right," and among  
the supporters of that declaration on  
the first day of its appearance were  
such conspicuous labor leaders as Jo-  
seph Barondess, Hugh Frayne, Tim-  
othy Healy and James P. Holland.  
There is no provision on the American-  
ism of organized labor. The demands,  
conditions and guarantees laid down  
by the conference are largely theoret-  
ical. The devotion to national self de-  
fense is unreserved.

## Big Wages For Steel Men.

More than 30,000 puddlers and sheet  
mill workers will receive wage increas-  
es within the next two months as a re-  
sult of the examination of bar iron  
sale sheets by the Western Bar Iron  
association. Sales were on a \$2.35  
card, entitling puddlers to \$11.30 a ton,  
the highest wages paid in the history  
of the iron industry. The increase is  
\$1 a ton. Bar mill workers will re-  
ceive an increase of about 10 per cent  
over existing rates. Sheet and tinplate  
workers will also be given an increase.

TENNESSEE NEWS  
CUT TO THE QUICK  
FOR BUSY READERS

The first edition of the Tri-Weekly  
Post, Athens, under new management,  
made its appearance. Claude T.  
Taylor is the editor and publisher.

Representative Sam R. Sells pre-  
sented to the War Department the  
request of A. D. Hughes, of Johnson  
City, that he be permitted to raise a  
regiment of volunteers.

A resolution pledging support to the  
Government was adopted at a mass  
meeting in Chattanooga. "From now  
on there are only Americans, and  
traitors," read the resolution.

Andrew J. Armstrong, a prominent  
negro of Columbia, is in custody upon  
the charge of rebellion and treason.  
The negro was placed in jail in default  
of \$20,000 bond.

The Campbell County Court voted  
\$45,000 to be used in the erection of  
high schools. This amount is to be  
equally divided between Jacksboro,  
Jellico and LaFollette.

A train carrying 100 recruits for the  
regular army from Fort Thomas, Ky.,  
to Douglas, Ariz., met in head-on col-  
lision with an L. & N. freight train  
near Gallatin, Tenn. Fourteen recruits  
received injuries, but none was se-  
riously hurt.

The Senate passed the bill providing  
for the establishment of a ward for the  
criminal insane at the state prison and  
companion bill providing for the com-  
mitment of the criminal insane to this  
ward. This ward will cost about  
\$20,000.

Y. M. C. A. directors at Knoxville  
closed a deal for a lot on West Church  
avenue, on which will be erected a fine  
home. The purchase price was \$22,000.  
The remainder of a \$100,000 fund re-  
cently raised will be expended on the  
home and for maintenance.

J. C. Napier, a Nashville negro, who  
was formerly registrar of the treasury,  
called upon Governor Rye, pledging the  
support of the race in Tennessee to  
the Government in the present situa-  
tion. "The negroes," he said, "stood  
ready to do any service the Govern-  
ment might require of them."

Memphis police are holding Charles  
Barnell, a Spaniard, who has been  
loitering about the Federal Building  
and other places for several days. He  
admits having been arrested in con-  
nection with a bomb plot several years  
ago, when part of the capitol building  
in Washington was damaged.

A company of mounted scouts,  
formed at Newport, had applied to the  
War Department for service and has  
been accepted. The company was  
formed by Sergeant Howard, of Cin-  
cinnati, Ohio, and recruiting began  
only a few days ago. Fifty have al-  
ready been enrolled.

The House passed the bill prohib-  
iting ousted officials from holding office  
for a period of ten years after the  
judgment of ouster has been rendered.  
The bill applies to officials already  
ousted, and will be followed up by a  
companion bill which applies to those  
who may be ousted in the future.

The House of Representatives has  
adopted a resolution instructing the  
Attorney-General to bring suit against  
the State of Arkansas and certain  
levee companies which the resolution  
alleges have built levees on the Mis-  
sissippi River resulting in the flooding  
of West Tennessee lands.

A man who gave his name as Egon  
Schultz and claimed to be an American  
citizen, of San Antonio, Texas, was  
questioned by the police in Memphis  
and will be detained pending an in-  
vestigation. Schultz is said to have  
had maps of Tennessee and Arkansas  
in his possession.

Compartment cars have arrived in  
Bristol from Yellowstone National  
Park, carrying eighty head of young  
elk for use in stocking the Govern-  
ment's newly acquired mountain lands  
extending from White Top to within  
ten miles of Bristol. Due to the long  
journey, five of these elk were dead  
in the cars.

According to officials at Fort Ogles-  
thorpe the only difference that will  
result in the condition of the interned  
German sailors at Fort Ogleshorpe dur-  
ing actual war between this country  
and Germany will be that the men will  
become at once interned aliens and  
might be put to work under American  
direction. The change would be mere-  
ly technical.

Wm. H. Gass, President of the de-  
funct Knoxville Bank and Trust Com-  
pany, which failed for \$1,000,000 De-  
cember 16, 1912, and who was paroled  
recently after serving one year of a  
two-year term, is said to be in Mem-  
phis visiting his daughter. Receiver  
Green so far has paid depositors about  
60 per cent of what they paid into the  
institution.

The report that a German spy had  
attempted to blow up the great water  
works reservoir high on the mountain  
above Jellico created considerable ex-  
citement. Later a report gained cir-  
culation that the water supply had  
been poisoned, and many people were  
afraid to drink the water. The re-  
ports were found to be without founda-  
tion.

There has been no evidence in East  
Tennessee of attempts of German  
agents to stir up dissension between  
the white and negro races, according  
to officials at the U. S. Marshal's office  
in Knoxville, in commenting on news-  
paper dispatches in New York to the  
effect that such activity has been de-  
tected in Greensboro, N. C., Wilming-  
ton, Raleigh, Charlotte and at points  
in Georgia and Alabama.

The Scott County Court has adver-  
tised for bids for \$300,000 road bonds.  
The bonds were to have been sold last  
year, having carried by an overwhelm-  
ing majority, but owing to a mistake  
in the number of days they were ad-  
vertised, a special act was required  
by the present legislature to make the  
sale valid.

A statement regarding the applica-  
tions for loans made to the Federal  
Farm Loan Bank of Louisville was  
given out. Kentucky farmers have  
asked for \$1,600,000, while Tennessee  
land owners have petitioned for \$2,000,-  
000 in loans to date. The money will  
be available as soon as the associa-  
tions in each state are organized and  
present examined land titles to the  
registrar of the bank.

Clarksville was visited by one of the  
most disastrous fires in its history.  
The fire started in the office of Buck-  
ner Bros. tobacco warehouse and was  
fanned by a strong gale until it had  
destroyed two large tobacco ware-  
houses and 2,500,000 pounds of tobacco,  
the shed, containing 700 bales of hay,  
and several tenement houses. The  
loss is a quarter of a million dollars,  
and probably more.

Governor Rye sent a message to the  
Senate vetoing the Senate bill which  
provided for tax assessors and county  
clerks to dispose of all unclaimed land.  
The Governor vetoed the bill on the  
ground that the State Land Commis-  
sioner was left without authority in  
the disposition of the land, and it was  
otherwise faulty in its safeguards for  
the protection of the interests of the  
state. The veto was unanimously sus-  
tained by the Senate.

Residents of Tennessee between the  
ages of 18 and 45 are liable to con-  
scription at any time, and may be com-  
pelled to do service in the national  
guard of the state, according to in-  
formation given Colonel James A.  
Gleason. It is estimated that under  
the new orders from the War Depart-  
ment issued on March 25, fully 5,000  
additional recruits will be required to  
bring the Tennessee regiments up to  
full war strength.

A movement to have the Confederate  
veterans' reunion in Washington dur-  
ing June, postponed for another year,  
has started in Memphis and is receiv-  
ing the support of all veterans. Col.  
R. P. Lake, on the general staff of  
commanding officers, said he did not  
believe the reunion ought to be held  
because the railroads are likely to be  
taxed to carry war supplies, and again  
because attendance will be small on  
account of the present war.

The City of Chattanooga is work-  
ing on plans for the establishment of a  
mobilization camp for southeastern  
troops at Chickamauga Park. Every-  
thing about Chattanooga is assuming  
a military appearance. Work of re-  
cruiting for the new regiment is being  
pushed and the United States naval  
recruiting stations are working toward  
securing men for enlistment. Even  
the negroes are organizing a company  
and recruiting offices have been opened  
in the largest negro settlement.

Mrs. Richard Todd, of Knoxville,  
wife of the recruiting officer, has the  
distinction of being the first woman  
in that city to be enlisted for service  
in the United States navy. She began  
her duties as chief yeoman on the re-  
ceiving ship Franklin at Norfolk Navy  
Yard. Her duties will consist of book-  
keeping and typewriting. During the  
month of March, 1917, 91 men were  
enlisted in the Knoxville recruiting  
district, as against 25 for the cor-  
responding month in 1916.

The celebrated murder case of the  
State vs. Wm. F. Cook, from Ruther-  
ford County, was affirmed by the Su-  
preme Court, and Cook was given a  
term of from 10 to 20 years in the  
penitentiary for the murder of his wife  
near Smyrna on the night of August  
25, 1913. Cook was convicted on cir-  
cumstantial evidence alone, and the  
court stated that there were many ele-  
ments of mystery about the murder  
which could not be explained, although  
the circumstances pointing to Cook as  
the guilty man were deemed sufficient  
to warrant the conviction.

County courts of East Tennessee  
have within a week taken action on  
more than \$3,000,000 of road bonds,  
and \$1,800,000 of this amount has al-  
ready been authorized. Elections have  
been called to vote on \$900,000 road  
bonds, while Union and Cooke coun-  
ties each deferred action on \$50,000  
of road bond issues until next term of  
court. Washington County leads the  
list, having recently voted to issue  
\$750,000 road bonds, with Greene  
County a close second with \$510,000,  
and an issue of \$300,000 for Scott  
County.

Chattanooga engineers are planning  
to open a training school for the in-  
struction of those engaged in tech-  
nical trades so as to fit them for ser-  
vice in the reserved engineering corps.

A deed of heroism with few equals  
was performed near Sweetwater when  
Mrs. Ida Kyker swung from a rope  
with one hand in a cistern with nine  
feet of water and rescued her sister's  
baby which had fallen into the cistern.  
Mrs. Kyker remained in the chilly  
water for fully thirty minutes and was  
almost lifeless when she finally suc-  
ceeded in reaching the top.

Every man employed by Mrs. Emma  
B. Manchester, as state managers and  
in other high salaried positions in the  
Supreme Court, Woodmen Circle, of  
which Mrs. Manchester is Supreme  
Guardian, were told that their ser-  
vices were no longer needed. Mrs.  
Manchester was voted out of the chair  
at a meeting in Memphis, and dele-  
gates opposing her voted to allow Miss  
Mary LaRocca, of St. Paul, Supreme  
Advisor of the circle, to fill the chair.  
Mrs. Manchester's delegates lost out  
entirely, and declare that it will be  
heard at the national convention in  
Atlanta in April.

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## TO JULIA HARRIS AND EL

V. S. TIDD

A. S. Harris vs. Julia Harris

State of Tennessee, In Chancery

Court of Knox County. No. 15208

In this cause, it appearing from the  
bill filed, which is sworn to, that the  
defendants, Julia Harris and El-  
vis Tidd are non residents of the  
State of Tennessee, so that the or-  
dinary process cannot be served  
upon them, it is ordered that said  
defendants appear before the Chan-  
cery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee,  
on or before the first Monday of  
May next, and make defense to  
said bill, or the same will be taken  
for confessed and the cause set for  
hearing ex parte as to them. This  
notice will be published in the  
Knoxville Independent for four  
consecutive weeks.

This 15th day of March 1917

J. C. FORD, C. & M.

Roy H. Beeler, Sol.

Mch. 17-24-31.-Apr. 7 1917

## TO H. S. MIZNER

Frank P. Seon et al. vs. East

Tennessee Brewing Co. et al.

State of Tennessee, In Chancery

Court of Knox County. No. 1527

In this cause, it appearing from  
the bill filed which is sworn to, that  
the defendant, H. S. Mizner is a  
non-resident of the State of Ten-  
nessee, so that the ordinary process  
cannot be served upon him, it is  
ordered that said defendant appear  
before the Chancery Court at Knox-  
ville, Tennessee, on or before the  
first Monday of May next, and  
make defense to said bill or the  
same will be taken for confessed  
and the cause set for hearing ex  
parte as to him. This notice will  
be published in the Knoxville In-  
dependent for four successive  
weeks. This 30th day of March, 1917

J. C. FORD, C. & M.

Green, Webb & Tate, Sol's.

Mar. 31 April 7, 14-21, 1917

## TO CHARLES JOHNSON

Gertrude Johnson vs. Charles Johnson

State of Tennessee, In Chancery

Court of Knox County No. 15239

In this cause, it appearing from  
the bill filed, which is sworn to, that  
the defendant, Charles Johnson is a  
non-resident of the State of Ten-  
nessee, so that the ordinary process  
cannot be served upon him, it is  
ordered that said defendant appear  
before the Chancery Court, at  
Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before  
the first Monday of May next, and  
make defense to said bill, or the  
same will be taken for confessed  
and the cause set for hearing ex  
parte as to him. This notice will  
be published in the KNOXVILLE  
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J. C. Ford, Clerk & Master

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selves in peace or in war, in  
stress or in storm, to stand unre-  
servedly by the standards of lib-  
erty and the safety and preser-  
vation of the institutions and  
ideals of our republic. \* \* \*  
Should our country be drawn  
into the maelstrom of the Euro-  
pean conflict we \* \* \* offer  
our services to our country in  
every field of activity to defend,  
safeguard and preserve the re-  
public of the United States of  
America against its enemies, who-  
soever they may be, and we call  
upon our fellow workers and fel-  
low citizens in the holy name of  
labor, justice, freedom and hu-  
manity to devotedly and patriot-  
ically give like service.

## THE LEAVEN SPREADS.

Work of Field Organizers Seldom Fails

to Produce Results.

The call of labor to organize, as a  
rule, is not a direct response merely to  
the clamor of the spellbinder and ear-  
nest work of the field organizers.  
These two elements are necessary to  
the awakening of sleeping elements of  
the human mind, to the further awak-  
ening of the subconsciousness which  
most of us possess.

Many times do we hear our field  
forces speaking of the failures of their  
most earnest work, lamenting the spe-  
cific fact that those to whom they spoke  
and appealed most earnestly were dead  
to all appeal. There is no questioning  
the fact, the result of sometimes the  
hardest work of the field force are in  
visible face value most disappointing,  
and the commercial term of good on  
this or that trip cannot be measured  
and credited to the account of this or  
that member of the field force, as there  
is no visible evidence of value to be  
credited.

But that there is a value to the work  
done in awakening the subconscious-  
ness of some of the workers in the in-  
dustries appealed to is beyond dispute  
and is evidenced by what later hap-  
pens—the sleepy mind of the toiler  
deadened by the continual conflict with  
his environments, is suddenly jolted into  
action by an extra oppression imposed by  
the boss and begins to piece together  
incidents of his unorganized condition  
and compares the condition of the or-  
ganized workers with his own.

When this condition is reached in a  
worker he is beginning to think, and  
think earnestly; the weaving of his  
web has begun; he puts in as different  
colors the incidents affecting his life;  
the word pictures in the appeals of the  
organizers begin to appeal to him in a  
new light; a realization of his mental  
attitude toward his condition in the  
past comes to him with a new force;  
he talks with his fellow workers of  
the position they are in, and the leaven  
spreads through the whole batch of  
dough, awakening the latent forces  
into a condition of activity. An orga-  
nizer is sent for—perhaps the one who  
complained the most bitterly is the one  
sent—and he sees the fruition of the  
seeds he sowed many months before.  
He recites his feelings to the newly  
awakened and organized, both of them  
feeling happy at the final outcome and  
both profiting thereby.

Bread thrown on the waters comes  
back after many days.—Tobacco  
Worker.

## WORKMEN'S LAW UPHELD.

Compensation Act,